

**Table 3-27. Ecological Priority habitat-species opportunities within the Northwest Sands**

<b>Community Group</b>	<b>Natural Communities that are Major Opportunities in the Northwest Sands Ecological Landscape</b>	<b>Species of Greatest Conservation Need determined to be high priority based on their Community-Landscape combination scores</b>	
Northern Forest	Northern Dry Forest	<b>Birds (6)</b> Whip-poor-will Black-backed Woodpecker Least Flycatcher Golden-winged Warbler Connecticut Warbler Red Crossbill	<b>Herptiles (1)</b> Northern Prairie Skink  <b>Mammals (2)</b> Northern Flying Squirrel Gray Wolf
	Northern Dry-Mesic Forest	<b>Birds (8)</b> Northern Goshawk Red-shouldered Hawk Whip-poor-will Least Flycatcher Veery Golden-winged Warbler Canada Warbler Red Crossbill	<b>Herptiles (1)</b> Prairie Skink  <b>Mammals (2)</b> Northern Flying Squirrel Gray Wolf
	Northern Wet Forest	<b>Birds (6)</b> Black-backed Woodpecker Olive-sided Flycatcher Veery Golden-winged Warbler Connecticut Warbler Canada Warbler	<b>Herptiles (3)</b> Four-toed Salamander Pickerel Frog Wood Turtle  <b>Mammals (4)</b> Water Shrew Northern Flying Squirrel Woodland Jumping Mouse Gray Wolf
Barrens	Pine Barrens	<b>Birds (10)</b> Northern Harrier Sharp-tailed Grouse Upland Sandpiper Whip-poor-will Black-billed Cuckoo Brown Thrasher Connecticut Warbler Field Sparrow Vesper Sparrow Red Crossbill	<b>Herptiles (5)</b> Boreal Chorus Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Northern Prairie Skink Bullsnae  <b>Mammals (2)</b> Franklin's Ground Squirrel Gray Wolf

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Grassland	Surrogate Grasslands	<b>Birds (12)</b> Blue-winged Teal Northern Harrier Sharp-tailed Grouse American Golden Plover Upland Sandpiper Marbled Godwit Brown Thrasher Field Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow Le Conte's Sparrow Bobolink Eastern Meadowlark	<b>Mammals (1)</b> Franklin's Ground Squirrel
Wetland	Emergent Aquatic	<b>Birds (13)</b> <i>Red-necked Grebe</i> American Bittern Trumpeter Swan Blue-winged Teal American Golden Plover Solitary Sandpiper Hudsonian Godwit Marbled Godwit Dunlin Short-billed Dowitcher <i>Wilson's Phalarope</i> Black Tern Rusty Blackbird	<b>Herptiles (5)</b> Four-toed Salamander Boreal Chorus Frog Pickerel Frog Mink Frog Blanding's Turtle
	Emergent Aquatic-Wild Rice	<b>Birds (5)</b> Trumpeter Swan Blue-winged Teal Canvasback Lesser Scaup Black Tern	<b>Herptiles (2)</b> Mink Frog Blanding's Turtle
	Northern Sedge Meadow	<b>Birds (10)</b> American Bittern Blue-winged Teal Northern Harrier Sharp-tailed Grouse Yellow Rail <i>Wilson's Phalarope</i> Black Tern Le Conte's Sparrow <i>Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow</i> Bobolink	<b>Herptiles (6)</b> Four-toed Salamander Boreal Chorus Frog Pickerel Frog Mink Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle

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Wetland (cont.)	Open Bog	<b>Birds (10)</b> American Bittern Northern Harrier Yellow Rail Solitary Sandpiper Olive-sided Flycatcher Golden-winged Warbler Connecticut Warbler Le Conte's Sparrow Bobolink Rusty Blackbird	<b>Herptiles (4)</b> Four-toed Salamander Boreal Chorus Frog Pickerel Frog Mink Frog  <b>Mammals (1)</b> Gray Wolf
	Submergent Aquatic	<b>Birds (8)</b> <i>Red-necked Grebe</i> Trumpeter Swan Blue-winged Teal Canvasback Lesser Scaup Bald Eagle <i>Wilson's Phalarope</i> Black Tern	<b>Herptiles (4)</b> Pickerel Frog Mink Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle
Aquatic	Coldwater streams	<b>Herptiles (6)</b> Four-toed Salamander Mudpuppy Pickerel Frog Mink Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle	<b>Mammals (1)</b> Water Shrew
	Coolwater streams	<b>Birds (1)</b> Solitary Sandpiper  <b>Herptiles (5)</b> Four-toed Salamander Pickerel Frog Mink Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle	<b>Mammals (1)</b> Water Shrew

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Aquatic (cont..)	Inland lakes	<b>Birds (7)</b> Trumpeter Swan Blue-winged Teal Canvasback Lesser Scaup Osprey Bald Eagle Black Tern  <b>Fish (5)</b> Lake Sturgeon Pugnose Shiner Greater Redhorse Banded Killifish Least Darter	<b>Herptiles (5)</b> Mudpuppy Boreal Chorus Frog Pickerel Frog Mink Frog Blanding's Turtle  <b>Mammals (1)</b> Water Shrew
	Warmwater rivers	<b>Birds (5)</b> Canvasback Lesser Scaup Osprey Bald Eagle Dunlin	<b>Fish (5)</b> Lake Sturgeon River Redhorse Greater Redhorse Least Darter Gilt Darter  <b>Herptiles (5)</b> Mudpuppy Pickerel Frog Mink Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle